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I was robbed at gunpoint on at Cass and Palmer (WSU Campus) last night. [Discussion](#) (self.Detroit)

submitted 12 days ago by [_brodre](#) [midtown](#)

This is one of the safest areas in Detroit, crawling with WSU police. I was held at gunpoint getting into my Jeep, told to keep my head down or he'd "fucking kill me". Two black dudes, probably mid 20s ran up as I was getting into my car. Stole my phone, wallet, airpods, and my car.

Told me to get out of the car and walk the other way and if I turned around i'd get shot. He got half a block down before a WSU police car drove up next to me (just casually patrolling). I ran up and frantically told the officer what just happened.

Long story short, both men were in custody within 30 mins, Im getting all my stuff back within a couple days minus my car which is totaled after they ran from the police.

Gun was "hot" - fully loaded with one in the chamber, safety off. I could've been shot and killed last night in one of the safest areas in Detroit.

Just want to spread awareness. This shit is still happening.

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This seems to be a pattern of two guys on Cass finding people alone and holding them at gun point. I assume they can't all be different people, but are they all the same and it's these same two guys who are now in custody? I'm hoping that's the case at least.

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[–] **_brodre** **midtown** [S] 75 points 12 days ago

yes i'm going to a police line up in about 10 minutes to identify them hopefully. they were arrested within 30 minutes, i'm so lucky the police were literally right there.

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[–] **xdeeman** 14 points 11 days ago

Not doubting you but how can you do a line-up without seeing them, or seeing them only a split second - probably with a hoodies on as well.

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[–] **winhill** **former detroiter** 7 points 11 days ago

they can conduct a voice lineup, where they have the suspects speak to see if the victim can recognize a voice.

it's chilling that this is still happening, but not unsurprising. OP, glad you're safe.

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[–] **_Exxcelsior** 8 points 11 days ago

Why do they need a lineup if they got caught in a stolen vehicle with loaded guns?

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they weren't caught in the vehicle, they bailed out of the moving car and ran. they were chased. but they did say they had my keys on him, so i'm with you. not sure why.

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Helps to make the charges stick.

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That makes more sense. Thanks for explaining and glad you made it out OK.

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[\[-\] AlkarinValkari](#) [Downtown](#) 24 points 12 days ago

That's what I was thinking as well. Wonder if it's the same 2 guys who have been robbing people at gun point there. About time Justice gets served to these idiots.

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Sorry man. On a positive note, WSUPD takes crime like this *personally* when it happens on campus. They don't screw around.

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[\[-\] joecomatose](#) 105 points 12 days ago

+1. used to work with WSUPD. they are top notch

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Yep, same here although mostly with the investigators. Hank was awesome.

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[\[-\] joecomatose](#) 5 points 11 days ago

Hank is fing legendary lol

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Hank was great to work with. I saw he retired a few years ago. Super friendly, helped me with the CPL process, and was incredibly good at his job.

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[\[-\] ryhntyntyn](#) 3 points 11 days ago

Tigh was really great. I worked with an ex WSUPD named Richard who was a colossal dick though.

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[\[-\] Probablynotclever](#) 40 points 11 days ago

Yeah, they'll do a great job apprehending them, but Detroit DAs actually call people saying "I think we're going to drop the charges. Detroit doesn't have the money to pursue this," then try to keep you on the phone until you agree. Happened to me when I got assaulted on WSU campus.

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Zero arguments here. Even better is when some District has them right back out on the street.

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"Felon in possession, attempted murder, and vehicle theft? 5% of a \$10000 bond. I might know a guy if you need any help paying that."

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Glad you're ok and that they were apprehended quickly.

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[–] [Mozvalgi](#) 62 points 12 days ago

Sorry that happened to you. It's truly horrible. What time did it happen?

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[–] [_brodre](#) [midtown](#) [S] 79 points 12 days ago

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[–] [FLMC7067](#) [boston edison](#) 56 points 12 days ago

That's fucking brazen. Glad you we not physically harmed and they were caught so quick.

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[–] [pinsir_me_timbers](#) 33 points 12 days ago

Yeah it's not surprising they got picked up that fast though, fucking idiots. It's considered a pretty safe area for a reason now. You can't really prevent this sort of thing other than by what the police did here. Their presence will deter most of this sort of crime but there's still the truly stupid ones that haven't been picked up yet.

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[–] [meowcat187](#) 16 points 12 days ago

That's crazy! Bunch of idiots. Did you have a nice jeep or was it old?

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[–] [_brodre](#) [midtown](#) [S] 31 points 12 days ago

2015 grand cherokee overland, it was nice

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[–] [meowcat187](#) 2 points 12 days ago

Pretty crazy man.

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[–] [P_e_r_p_e_t_u_a_l](#) 2 points 11 days ago

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ya it's totaled in impound now

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[\[-\]](#) [jaron_bric](#) [Brownstown](#) 5 points 12 days ago

Glad you're safe. That's one form of justice in and of itself. However, I think the other cherry-on-top justice here is that you'll get to sue them/their families for the car, emotional damages, attorney fees, etcetera. Sounds like they may not have much but hopefully I'm wrong.

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[\[-\]](#) [_brodre](#) [midtown](#) [\[S\]](#) 30 points 12 days ago

i'm pretty sure they don't have anything. but i'm definitely pressing charges. i could've easily been killed.

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[\[-\]](#) [jaron_bric](#) [Brownstown](#) 11 points 12 days ago

Meanwhile I think your insurance will get you a new car, maybe not ACTUALLY but to some extent, too since the incident wasn't your fault and it occurred where you live. Sorry this happened and you have all of this rigamarole to deal with now but now you can pass on your experiences to others like you're doing here and hopefully it helps the whole community out in some way.

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[\[-\]](#) [PushinDonuts](#) [metro detroit](#) 1 point 11 days ago

Problem is if they were out robbing people at gunpoint they don't have anything to sue for

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[\[-\]](#) [SynchroGold](#) 1 point 11 days ago*

Why would you sue their families? If your brother does something bad it doesn't make you liable, assuming they weren't in on it.

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[\[-\]](#) [szayl](#) 69 points 12 days ago

Damn. :-(Sorry that happened to you. Props to the WSU police for apprehending the criminals.

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[\[-\]](#) [FlynnLive5](#) [Mexicantown](#) 20 points 12 days ago

I'm sorry to hear that man. I used to live at Cass and Ferry and worked at Cass and Palmer. I always felt very safe. Just goes to show you always have to be on your toes.

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[\[-\]](#) [Logicalidiot](#) 35 points 12 days ago

I'm glad you are okay. That is honestly terrifying.

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[\[-\]](#) [Weekend833](#) 29 points 12 days ago

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One night, back in '01 I witnessed a guy steel a battery out of a Jeep parked on Canfield from my balcony. I was on the phone with WSUPD.

They set up a car on Cass and one on Second - they had a perimeter set up while I was still on the phone with them. Regardless, one of the cruisers initially stopped the wrong guy - and being the eyes in the sky, I told em and they left that guy standing in the street to get the right guy... That poor guy had just been stopped while driving his van, head-on by the cruiser with it's lights on and ordered out at gunpoint - that exchange took less than ten seconds and he must've been asking himself, "wtf just happened?" "Did anyone else see that?" "Wait. Where'd everyone go?" "No one's gonna believe this just happened."

Anyways, they got the guy with the battery one block south. He slipped through the alley right there.

Kicker was, the girl who owned the Jeep declined to press charges and the guy was released the next morning.

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[–] [petuniar](#) 7 points 11 days ago

That kind of happened to me once. I was on the interstate coming back from Iowa to Michigan, and got pulled over. I had been speeding slightly. But the officer came up to me car, checked me out, and then quickly moved on with just a verbal warning. After that, I noticed several other cars of the same color pulled over as well. Definitely seemed like they were looking for someone in particular.

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[–] [Blexit2020](#) Born and Raised 9 points 11 days ago

7 years ago, my mother walked out onto her front porch one night, unaware that some dude was trying to break into her car. Being hot tempered and not thinking, she yelled out to the guy who then hopped out of her car and started shooting at her as he fled the scene. She thankfully didn't get hit, but did call the police. It took them, and I'm not joking, almost 3 hrs to show up. That was the day I officially said "eff Detroit" and I've hated the city ever since. I'm never going back. **Ever.**

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[–] [Weekend833](#) 0 points 11 days ago

Eh, Detroit's getting better, but someone with that mindset would never be able to shake the bias. Granted, there's sections that are place to never be, but sections that are good are becoming more prevalent.

Regardless, no worries.

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[–] [Blexit2020](#) Born and Raised 8 points 11 days ago


What parts of Detroit are getting better, though? Exclude downtown. The police presence down there alone has always made it less dangerous than the neighborhoods. But what areas are people talking about exactly that are getting better? Because whenever I go back to visit family I, obviously have to go back to my old neighborhoods and they've gotten worse. It's actually, if I'm being honest, heartbreaking to see because I don't think people or even going there to see exactly what living like me have just had it with Detroit.

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[–] [PureMichiganChip](#) 4 points 11 days ago*

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Parts of Southwest, Springwells, Corktown, New Center, Eastern Market, Woodbridge, some areas along the riverfront, Livernois around the University district and up to 8 mile, Rosedale Park.

Plenty of neighborhoods won't see improvement for a long time. Most people on this sub acknowledge the problems Detroit has. Plenty of neighborhoods are absolutely rotten, their residents have few marketable skills, and even if there were jobs for them, they may not be able to get to them easily. The schools are bad.

We also see that it's the hub of a region made up of over 5 million people. Most suburbs are profoundly boring and uninteresting. There is a ton of amazing history in the city. There are exciting things happening in Detroit that you can't find anywhere else in Michigan.

So, whatever you want to call the changes Detroit has been going through. I hope to see that momentum continue. Plenty of white boomers in the suburbs wouldn't touch Detroit with a 10 foot pole. They let it rot. Southeast Michigan can't continue to let Detroit rot forever.

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Yeah, I'm honestly just bitter. Detroit is my birthplace and where I grew up. But a lot of the experiences in my neighborhood were negative and hardened my heart towards Detroit as a whole. So, I guess "it's personal."

I feel like that applies to anywhere with certain people. For example, I actually love New Orleans and it's where my great-grandmother's family came from. But there are PLENTY of people who are trying to escape New Orleans because of their experiences; mostly with violence. So, it depends on your experiences. For me, returning to Detroit would be like returning to an abusive relationship. And hearing people talk about how much better it's gotten is kinda like hearing people tell you how much better your crazy ex has gotten since they've been in "treatment." You're going to be suspicious, lol.

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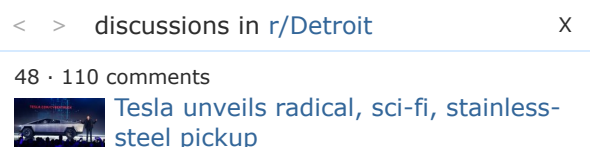
Buddy of mine moved in around West Grand and Fort around there years ago and hasn't had a single issue.

A lot of the older, stepping neighborhoods are having issues, but the areas that have had significant demo - super high percentage of abandoned homes, that have been removed, you know, urban prairie areas. Those areas, as something outside of the visible and publicized areas of revitalization, are *actually* some truly, hidden gems.

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I'm not just talking about the buildings. A rundown neighborhood without ignorant, violent, people is still more tolerable than a neighborhood full of physically beautiful homes with ignorant people. Detroit always have been and always will be. I know, the people haven't changed. I will always agree that Detroit has so



homes that any architect would consider a masterpiece. BUT...I can **not** be bothered with hood shit. I just can't, lol. That got old very quickly.

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[\[-\]](#) **Weekend833** 1 point 11 days ago

I wasn't talking about the architecture. I was talking about the people. On the right block, race doesn't matter. Everyone helps everyone else. My truest Thanksgiving was spent down there... Everyone from the building brought what they could afford, we cooked it all together (okay, not everyone cooked, I just enjoyed neighborly company, but everyone brought *something*) and it was the **most honest** and truest Thanksgiving I've ever been a part of in my entire life.

The hood drama? It's a block by block thing, mostly.

I understand that that doesn't trump how you feel or what you've experienced or what you've been told. Detroit has so many blocks - and it *is* a block by block sort of thing - that there's always another story. All I'm saying is that a blanket assessment, that saves time and effort, discounts the communities that have developed in, and of themselves, as well as the good that they have fostered.

Yeah, there's bad ones, too, but Detroit rekindled my faith in humanity.

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[\[-\]](#) **Blexit2020** Born and Raised 2 points 11 days ago

Well, I'm glad your experience has been positive. I wish I could say the same. But it simply isn't the case. It also doesn't help that I don't like cold weather and heavy overcast. Seasonal Affective Disorder is extremely high in Michigan as a whole because of that, and I did find myself more depressed in the atmosphere up there. I need sunlight and warmth, lol.

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[\[-\]](#) **Weekend833** 2 points 11 days ago

Seasonal Affective Disorder

Lol. I feel ya. Doc's got me on a prescription *-for Vitamin D2-* of all things (1x per week). No joke - these vitamins are not over the counter - I pick em up from the pharmacist. (Granted, she wrote the Rx because the insurance makes them less expensive - and the pharmacy texts me to pick them up. Knowing her, the latter of the two is her reasoning, because it reminds me to take the darn things.)

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Yeah seriously, the low vitamin D levels are a huge problem for people in midwest states and places like Seattle also, because of the gloomy atmosphere originated from there. I
Seattle, lol.

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He used bold, guys, I think he means it.

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Yes the hell **she** does. I went through some bullshit growing up there.

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[–] [obsa](#) 1 point 10 days ago

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[–] [Cocobear8305](#) 15 points 12 days ago

Glad you're safe and walked away. Materials can be replaced, life can not. Also glad they were caught.

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[–] [Matt_Graver](#) 13 points 11 days ago

Great job WSU and DPD police officers! Thank you for your service.

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[–] [StrawbreryRhubarbPie](#) 32 points 12 days ago*

I started walking guillen mall instead of cass after I heard the story of 2 separate people being robbed on cass by gun point about a month ago. An email sent to my account on October 24th detailed these events, I decided walking on cass wasnt safe anymore.

The email concerning your incident hasn't come yet...

Edit: normally these emails arrive 24-48 hours after the incident.

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would you be able to forward me the email once you get it? where does the email come from?

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[–] [bobbysoxblues](#) 19 points 12 days ago*

WSU sends out an email to all faculty, staff and students detailing crime events that occur on WSU property. If the crime is close enough to WSU and involves a WSU affiliated person, they send that too. Source: am WSU affiliated.

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[–] [DotteDetroit](#) 1 point 11 days ago

This is what happens when you put Section 8 complexes within walking distance of 500K condos. Jealousy rears its head and the group think is it's easier to steal and get ahead than work for it.


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[–] [ryhntyntyn](#) 2 points 10 days ago

No. It's not jealousy.

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[–] [StrawbreryRhubarbPie](#) 2 points 11 days ago

Well these types of things happened in this area 12 years ago when I first started at Wayne.

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[–] [ryhntyntyn](#) 2 points 10 days ago

Exactly. I was at WSU in 1999, and we had no condos but plenty of crime. WTF?

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[–] [prominentcomposite](#) 1 point 11 days ago

Thats a smarmy thing to say. You can't make a place better by not improving things, even if not by your master plan.

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[–] [rgt88](#) 20 points 12 days ago

So what happens with these cats who get arrested? Charged, spent a week in county jail and then get released? I'm exaggerating obviously, but still...

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[–] [Coastival](#) 7 points 12 days ago

Probably

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[–] [jimmy_three_shoes](#) 12 points 11 days ago

There's a ton of shit they're going to get charged with here.

Grand Theft Auto, resisting arrest, property damage, use of a firearm while in the commission of a felony, likely having a stolen gun, just off the top of my head.

I don't think these wastes of oxygen will be getting a sweetheart plea deal

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[–] [Lappy313](#) 3 points 11 days ago

They will likely just get the auto-theft charge, but not all of the other stuff you mentioned. According to their records, they'll most likely get a couple of months in jail and serve about half of that.

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[–] [Lappy313](#) 2 points 11 days ago

That is not an exaggeration if Dickerson is overcrowded and there was no physical violence (like OP needing to go to hospital). The men's part of the jail overcrowds quicker than the female side. Not sure if they are under 18 but if they are adults, they won't serve full time unless they fuck up there.

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[–] [xdeeman](#) -2 points 11 days ago

Well this is reddit and the majority of folks on here are against sending people to prison. If only we could send those 2 poor kids to Norway for prison - where they rehabilitate them - not lock them in inhumane cages we would all be better.

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Carjackers running from the police and wrecking a car is something that would usually make the local news sites. Why haven't we seen any news of this?

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[\[-\]](#) [zerowasteminimalist](#) 9 points 11 days ago
I was thinking the same. I'd like to read the details the police provide the news.

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[\[-\]](#) [waxymastermind177](#) [Rivertown](#) 11 points 12 days ago
Glad you're alright.

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[\[-\]](#) [tokoolfourskool](#) 30 points 12 days ago
Just two years ago, a co-worker was at campus martius and a guy poked a gun in his ribs and told him to give him his wallet. This was at like 4 p.m. on a Saturday.

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[\[-\]](#) [Berbaw06](#) 6 points 11 days ago
That sucks man, glad you're ok. Despite the city being a hell of a lot better than when I was a kid, there's still risks. For years I told people Detroit is fine as long as you're not going to the parts of the city you'd have no reason to go to in the first place. Then like two years ago my buddy got mugged on Monroe in Greektown right outside Red Smoke and Pizza Papalis in broad daylight. The mugger had him at gun point through his shirt and walked him over to an ATM and take out whatever his max was. My dumbass friend walked over to the ATM and tried to fight the guy instead of taking out a few hundred bucks. He got the shit beat out of him, but very luckily didn't get killed. Dude is the best hockey player I know (pretty tough guy) and still was a target in broad daylight and got put into the hospital. Point of the story is no matter where you are or who you are, always have your guard up.

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[\[-\]](#) [niaalex2493](#) 7 points 11 days ago
Cassidy has never been safe. The campus and transplants have yall thinking that Detroit isn't dangerous just because you're downtown and near a college town. Glad you're safe.

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[\[-\]](#) [DetroitHooper313](#) [east side](#) 26 points 12 days ago
I got robbed in the midtown area 2 years ago, smh bunch unfortunately, but it is what it is. hope you're feeling well and did not want to leave the house for a while.

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[\[-\] nickdeedle](#) 6 points 11 days ago

Jesus Christ that's a block over from me

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[\[-\] theresmydini](#) 5 points 12 days ago

I'm glad you're alright. I knows it's not alright but I'm glad you're safe.

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[\[-\] Ahy_Jay](#) 4 points 11 days ago

Oh so that was why the police cars with full sirens was passing by my house. Im glad you are ok.

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[\[-\] awajitoka](#) 18 points 12 days ago

These sort of encounters are bound to happen. Detroit, downtown area, is mix of those who have and those who want. And those who want see how easy it is to get what others have.

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[\[-\] Catmouthsteve](#) 21 points 12 days ago

I'm sorry you got robbed, that sucks man. I tattoo a lot of Detroit cops and yeah dude it's awful you are very lucky. I heard a similar story but the dudes stole a focus and plugged him in the back of the head when he walked away. They had everything and still killed him.

I'm sorry you got robbed people suck so bad get a CPL. You got your life man, give thanks!

Actually that probably just would have led to you getting your gun stolen. Did you see them coming? I visit a Detroit hospital daily to see my baby and over the past 3 months, 3 incidents came up where I thought we were gonna get robbed.

I'm a big thicc bearded dude with a mean look (I'm softer than baby shit and a giant pussy full disclosure), and I'm not sure how close it was but ugh.

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[\[-\] jlgebra](#) 6 points 11 days ago

I recently moved to downtown Detroit (37 yo single woman). And now that it's dark early, I will often walk home at night by myself. I've always felt safe but now I'm getting a little freaked hearing these stories.

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[\[-\] Catmouthsteve](#) 6 points 11 days ago

Well everyone is safe until they aren't, just be very alert and be able to protect yourself. Everyone is talking about CPL's on here including me, but the fact of the matter is if you have a gun and you need to defend yourself with it you need to be able to quick draw that shit in under a second, then you gotta shoot someone, which is super rude.

If you have a safety and don't have a round in the chamber it would take a while, and whomever is taking from you is point long theirs at you already.

I would feel weird running around with a bullet in the chamber you know? Maybe I'm paranoid but I would accidentally shoot myself in the leg pulling my pants up or something dumb. I feel like if OP had a gun and went for it he would be dead in his situation, they caught him getting in his car, you know?


Running real fast works, don't carry cash.

There are cops everywhere too, if you're in trouble there first

Sorry about the ramble wall

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[\[-\]](#) [nahumgaldmartinez](#) 5 points 10 days ago

It is a bit rude isn't it...

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[\[-\]](#) [svene](#) 2 points 8 days ago

Saw a video like this, it was really sad. He was in a jeep I think. The two dudes roll up on him in the gas station parking lot, one pulls a gun. He clearly shows he isn't resisting, pulls out his stuff, hands over the keys, and they jacker pauses, then shoots the guy in the face , then they drive away. So damn cold.

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[\[-\]](#) [thecodebelongstome](#) 2 points 11 days ago

If he had a CPL how would they steal a gun they didnt know about? The whole point of a CPL is to keep it concealed.....

OP if you want to learn to shoot or want advice on getting a CPL send me a message, I would be happy to take you to the range and show you the ropes!

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[\[-\]](#) [Catmouthsteve](#) 4 points 11 days ago

I was thinking from my perspective, I would have to leave the piece in the car because of not being able to carry in certain places

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[\[-\]](#) [UncleAugie](#) 1 point 11 days ago

Smart Idea, aggro by your post history, not someone I want instructing ANYONE on the proper use of a gun.

You have any certifications to instruct?

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[\[-\]](#) [thecodebelongstome](#) 0 points 11 days ago

No I dont, my advice would be to get proper training if you want to buy a gun, starting with a CPL class. The one at Action Impact is HIGHLY recommended. They did a great job. They also offer a ton of classes on defense and situational awerness.

Curious what makes you think I am such a danger that you wouldnt want me taking someone to the range and showing them how to shoot a gun?

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[\[-\]](#) [UncleAugie](#) 1 point 11 days ago

Your aggro attitude is the WRONG way to introduce someone to the proper way to handle a firearm with respect.

You also haven't produced any data to back up your claims, which makes you a liar, making things up to bolster your argument. Being a liar shows your judgment is off, having poor judgment is dangerous around firearms.


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How is offering to teach someone to s attitude? You are acting like I am offer just to blast him xD

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I haven't actually made any claims, about anything, so not sure how I am lying about things I haven't stated.....

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YOur lies

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So this stat is heavily skewed by the dumbass open carriers. If you open carry, fuck you. You make yourself a target and put everyone in danger around you.

This was in response to my claim, backed up with cited research that owning a gun increases your chance of death by gun.

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[\[-\]](#) [thecodebelongstome](#) -2 points 11 days ago*

Haha didnt even realize that was you. Maybe take a deep breath before you have a rage induced heart attack. If you want me to get you sources you can wait until I am not on mobile. Based on your attitude towards me however I don't really think it matters, you just want to argue an anti gun stance in bad faith.

Edit: I would be happy to take you to the range as well if you would like. Just shoot me a PM.

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AS stated I have my own firearms, and my own range to shoot on, I dont want to be anywhere near you when you have a firearm.

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[\[-\]](#) [thecodebelongstome](#) 15 points 12 days ago

And this is why I carry a gun even in the "safe" areas. People are nuts and you can *never* be too careful.

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[\[-\]](#) [barky_](#) 6 points 11 days ago

So you're getting into your car and a guy puts a gun to your head and asks for your wallet. What do you do?

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Is he in front of me? If so, "Okay man just don't hurt me" reach into my sweatshirt pocket and double tap him through the sweatshirt. If he is behind me, one hand into the pocket on the firearm and the other hands over the wallet. Try to get him in front of me or away from me without compromising myself or others.


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[\[-\]](#) [zombiejim](#) 7 points 11 days ago

Is your double-tap through the sweatshirt enough? If you put a gun to your head all the other person needs to do is pull the trigger once. I have no firearms training myself, so I

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Rule of thumb is no. It's a bit more nuanced than just double tap, but I was trying to be succinct in my answer. It really gets summed up to your willingness to gamble one way or the other. On one hand you do nothing, hope he walks off and doesnt shoot you anyway, on the other you shoot first and hope the safety is on/you can move before he gets a shot off.

It is really tough to say "well here is exactly what I would do in this situation" because of how many variables come into play. For example, when I was robbed at gunpoint I was carrying, and didnt use it because in my specific circumstance I made the decision that he was not going to shoot if I complied and because I could not get a position where I felt safe to shoot. It worked for me, but not every position is the same. A lot of it comes down to situational awerness and practice.

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[\[-\]](#) [Batterytron](#) 2 points 11 days ago

You need to rethink your strategy because a semi auto will probably jam after the first shot if fired in a pocket or in a jacket. I had that happen to me before and it's apparently a common occurrence after looking into it.

I'd recommend a M&P model 340 .357 revolver for your purposes. It's useful for up close encounters, if someone grabs for it it'll still shoot as there isnt a slide to push out of battery.

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[\[-\]](#) [AndyH13](#) 9 points 11 days ago

How is carrying going to help if someone has already drawn a condition 0 firearm on you?

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[\[-\]](#) [greenw40](#) 4 points 11 days ago

Everyone who carries a gun on reddit seems to think that they have a wild west style quick draw.

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Remains to be seen. If he never had a chance to defend himself, it wouldn't. Do you know he never had a chance? Did they ever look away? What's his proficiency with draw and shoot? Has he practiced regularly? Does he have adequate defense training? Lots of variables to consider. Maybe it helps, maybe it doesnt. I will take the chance of having it and not using it over being shot for my car 100/100.

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[\[-\]](#) [AndyH13](#) 5 points 11 days ago


None of those circumstances would change the way I was taught by any "adequate defense training".

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Tell that to the people who cooperate and then are shot in the back. I'll take my chances of not dying thanks.

Edit: there was a post here on this sub yesterday with the crime stats for the weekend and someone was shot after complying. Thankfully they survived. Compliance is not a guarantee of safety.

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[\[-\]](#) [roywarner](#) 1 point 11 days ago

The odds of that are much lower than getting hurt when resorting to violence. I hope you stay away from casinos if this is how you gamble.

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[\[-\]](#) [Bassmeant](#) 2 points 11 days ago

I've actually been robbed in a home invasion at gun point. Those questions are irrelevant

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[\[-\]](#) [FlynnLive5](#) [Mexicantown](#) 18 points 12 days ago

Do you need help getting a new car? Perhaps a few of us Redditors can help

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thank you so much for this offer. i'm insured and i'll probably be okay just have to deal with all this shit. but that's very sweet of you to suggest and it made me feel good

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[\[-\]](#) [Slowroll900](#) 3 points 12 days ago

I'm glad you're okay. I worry about things like this happening often.

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Glad you are alright. I was robbed once and the only thing I could think of is somebody is going to call my mom and tell her I'm dead. Weird to think about that now.

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[\[-\]](#) [erickhan73](#) 10 points 12 days ago

My daughter is a senior at WSU. I'm always telling her to be careful. Glad you were not injured.

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[\[-\]](#) [Lappy313](#) -4 points 11 days ago

I graduated from WSU. Guess what? I'm still alive (fancy that!) and the only crime I dealt with was a basic white chick who violated my lease in the glass tower of 4500 Cass (she had her dirty, gross "motorcycle gang" wannabe dad illegally live there for a few weeks). The campus of Wayne State is not some Wild Wild West/Gang turf area.

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[\[-\]](#) [Evilmanta](#) 12 points 11 days ago

While I understand where your outrage is coming from, please be extra careful in any urban area at night. :P

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I'm glad you're ok and those scumbags are caught.

Sorry this happened. Sometimes there are monsters that walk among us.

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[\[-\]](#) [Dada2fish](#) 6 points 11 days ago

Of course this shit is still happening. One of the safest areas of Detroit doesn't mean you can put your guard down. Glad the police were nearby and they were caught.

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It's Detroit. Crime is still real.

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Did you have headphones in or just on you?

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nope just in my pocket. he told me to empty my pockets. i obliged.

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[\[-\]](#) [fuckfucknoose](#) 2 points 11 days ago

I wonder if these two were responsible for the string of armed robberies in midtown these last few weeks? Either way, glad you're safe.

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[\[-\]](#) [MrktngDsgnr](#) 2 points 10 days ago

Yep. Pretty sure all of the suspects are affiliated. Similar descriptions, always in a group of two or more, and they know the areas and patrols apparently. Bigger problem than you'd think

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[\[-\]](#) [smash_lee_g](#) 2 points 8 days ago

I work at an ice cream shop in Midtown, not a student or resident. But WSU cops are friggin' amazing. If it weren't for them, a lot of the crap that goes down in Midtown would never be addressed because let's be honest...Detroit cops would take 12 to 24 hours to show up to a call....if at all.

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[\[-\]](#) [averageryan](#) 4 points 12 days ago

Really glad you're alright. Pretty scary stuff.

Out of curiosity, though they wrecked your car, you surely get some sort of payment/reconciliation from the suspects once their court proceedings are over? I know that takes some time and you probably need your car now, but have the police told you how that is going to work?

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not sure how that works, i will have to press charges against them, i don't expect they have anything based on the fact that they were robbing me. i don't know how that even works


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[\[-\]](#) [Thepolitician21](#) 4 points 11 days ago

I'm sorry to hear that man. I'm happy you're safe. Unfortunately, you're not. I'm alert for shitheads. You're lucky the cops were close but

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happened to you. Grab a gun permit, get some training or range time in, and keep your head on a swivel at night. If you're feeling anxious don't hesitate to reach out to a therapist; even if it's just for a session or two

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[\[-\]](#) [W02T](#) 4 points 11 days ago

Makes me worry for my niece who is a commuter student at WSU.

People keep telling me about how Detroit is getting so much better. But...

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[\[-\]](#) [ryhntyntyn](#) 4 points 11 days ago

That sucks. I'm sorry. I've been gone a long time. I lived in the corridor my entire time in Detroit and I would have never described any of the surrounding areas, even WSU as safe.

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[\[-\]](#) [william-o](#) [boston edison](#) 1 point 11 days ago

If this happens are you allowed to turn around and shoot him in the face

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[\[-\]](#) [greenSixx](#) 7 points 11 days ago

Yes, but he will probably shoot you first

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[\[-\]](#) [Augustushomme](#) 2 points 11 days ago

Glad the fuckers got caught. Insurance should cover your car right?

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[\[-\]](#) [_D_V_E](#) 2 points 10 days ago*

I got an email on October 24th from Wayne State about two armed robberies that happened the previous night and I haven't received anything about this. Also I don't see anything about this on channel 4s YouTube channel or website. A carjacking in midtown would make some news (not frontpage).

EDIT: I do see the channel 4 article where it says suspects are in jail.

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it aired on the 6pm news. the segment is embedded in the article on their website. suspect will be charged tomorrow morning, FBI is involved, guy who held me up was on probation after just having served a 10 year sentence. then did this. FBI agent told me he'll retire before this guy gets out of jail.

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[\[-\]](#) [sixwaystop313](#) 1 point 10 days ago

Damn man; I'm glad to hear you complied and glad you're safe. Thanks for sharing your story.

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Complete with video.

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Unfortunately it's always going to happen. It don't matter where your at or when.

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[\[-\]](#) [Beetime](#) 1 point 12 days ago

The corridor being the corridor. Not one of the safest. I'm sad that you had to go through that.

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[\[-\]](#) [iamsolarpowered](#) 28 points 12 days ago

This is quite a few blocks from Cass Corridor and I'm pretty sure it's not 1996 anymore.

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[\[-\]](#) [erickhan73](#) 1 point 10 days ago

I agree. Lived in Detroit until 97 when I got married. Southwest. Livernois & vernor.

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[\[-\]](#) [PinkFreud97](#) 1 point 10 days ago

Holy shit. I live in the building across from where OP's car was. It's the only parking where this must have happened. 51 W Palmer (Isabelle). That is so crazy. Im sorry you had to deal with this OP.

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i live in the isabelle. this happened in front of the dumpster where people park. i told nachelle the building manager to send an building wide email to alert the tenants. she hasn't.

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[\[-\]](#) [PinkFreud97](#) 2 points 9 days ago

Wow. I park right there daily when I'm too lazy to carry things when I park further away. Can't believe she hasn't sent anything. They probably don't want people getting scared and moving out lol. Glad you're okay though!

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Downtown is not safe especially midtown

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Can't imagine finally getting a chance to die and turning it down.

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Why is this still happening on Wayne States campus?

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because it's impossible to stop all crime, Wayne State is one of the safest campuses in the state

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Dey was good boys dey din du nuffin

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Lol

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[\[-\]](#) [jiggilo](#) 1 point 11 days ago

I work at Wayne State and have access to the crisis communications and have yet to see anything about this. WSUPD always emails us when something like this happens too. I can't find anything on the news at all. All our social channels online have 0 discussions about it too.

OP Can you please provide at least one news outlet or any mention of this? At this point, I'm sorry to say but I'm pretty skeptical of your story. I hope you are telling the truth and not trying to spread false information.

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[\[-\]](#) [_brodre](#) [midtown](#) [\[S\]](#) 5 points 11 days ago*

i am not a student, i'm just a midtown resident. local 4 is interviewing me today, it will air on the 5 o'clock news.

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[\[-\]](#) [jiggilo](#) 2 points 11 days ago

I'm glad you're being interviewed today - it needs to be public knowledge! I am shocked the police department hasn't said anything about this since usually within 24hrs we hear something. I'm trying to figure out why that wasn't the case because things like this should be reported ASAP.


Thank you for responding, and I apologize for possibly questioning your story - it was just impossible to validate at the time (and obviously not your fault).

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[\[-\]](#) [_D_V_E](#) 1 point 10 days ago

Shouldn't matter if you are a student or not if wsupd responds to a violent crime on campus they will send an alert/bulletin.

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[\[-\]](#) [xyamerican](#) -22 points 12 days ago* 

edit -20 downvotes and someone gave me a gold. My first reddit gold. Thx human.

i laugh every time i see some of these "detroit so cool, everyone is so nice!" threads or "im coming to visit detroit! do what now? i'm so excited!" or when swiping on tinder or you're at a party and you see the type of girl that's like "OMG BETTY I LOVE DETROIT DETROIT BEST CITY" so naive. so dumb. detroit is cold, stupid, ugly, corrupt. chicago may technically have more crime, but there are so many more people there and the good parts of CHI are actually pretty and cool, bustling with people.

anyway glad you're safe OP. i'll take my hivemind downvotes now over saying Detroit is shit and still unsafe despite the (usually white) girl hype. source: have lived in or in detroit bordering cities for around 23 years, been to "underground warehouse parties" lots of stuff

i just remember that it only takes one time for a goonie to fuck your life up and that detroit doesnt make me feel safe. you people do what you want and "enjoy your great city"— but until decent education, mass affordable housing, public transport, and 2 story kroger where prices aren't marked up for being downtown comes to the city, if anyone will headspace and seriously think about it, i'll be there. and i avoid business there when possible. and pmme

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Well why don't you stay inside and play your little video games the. and the rest of us will be out actually experiencing life. Risks and all.

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I'm a bot, *bleep, bloop*. Someone has linked to this thread from another place on reddit:

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This. 1000%. The only people who hype Detroit are hipsters who move into the downtown area and try to act like they know what a real Detroit experience is like. Like boy/girl bye. Please try living in Southwest Detroit right off of Fort St. And Schaefer, 6 Mile and Greenfield, or Mack and Conners and see how fulfilling your "Detroit experience" is. They haven't a clue. And most of them have only been living there for a few years. Meanwhile, those of us who grew up there and were literally run up out of the city to greener pastures just roll our eyes because let something like this happen a few more times. They'll be at rent.com looking for homes in Novi, West Bloomfield, Canton, White Lake, Birmingham etc. faster than these hood fools can say "run me them Jordans bitch!"

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Sometimes, places can change. Like Detroit went from a fairly vibrant city of almost 2 million people, and devolved into a decaying, crime ridden city, it can also change for the better. Why not help in that regard, instead of the needless rancor.

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Honestly, my family did **a lot** for Detroit and tried many times to help with the community; my mother especially. She's a social worker and was working in DPS driving herself nearly insane trying to get parents, members of local communities, and the Detroit Public School district overall to help with a program that was meant to encourage education and awareness of mental health amongst the parents of the students because she knows that's where it all starts; in the home. Very few people made efforts to build that program. Meanwhile, everything she worked hard for to provide for my brother and myself was either stolen or destroyed. After a while, you just get tired.

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[-] wolverinewarrior 1 point 9 days ago

Meanwhile, everything she worked hard for to provide for my brother and myself was either stolen or destroyed. After a while, you just get tired.

I am saddened to read that! It definitely s
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are taking that family instability to the inn

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First, thank goodness you made it out alive. That could've been a tragedy.
Second, there's no such thing as a "safe" area in Detroit. The two words don't even go together. When you keep that in mind, you'll always be on alert and make more cautious decisions; like getting strapped yourself.
Seriously. Eff every square inch of that city. I hate it with a passion.

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Uhhhhh.....

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[\[-\] surprise6809](#) east side 2 points 11 days ago

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Yes. I know *exactly* where I'm at. I said what I said. Fight me. -_-

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Why are you on this sub if you hate Detroit?

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Mind your business.

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Shitty stuff happens everywhere. It sucks but yes it happens.

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[\[-\] Litigious_Giraffe](#) -42 points 12 days ago

gotta watch out for them MAGA hat wearers man!

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They could have had a sandwich and some rope!!

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[\[-\] kouderd](#) 2 points 12 days ago

Theft is caused by socio-economic issues that the administration has yet to solve. The economy is going great but only the rich are getting richer and the poor are still getting poorer every day

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Like making this a political statement instead of talking about real issues....

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[\[-\] dw565](#) -11 points 10 days ago

Why'd you feel the need to specify their race?

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for the same reason i specified their gender. it's factual and relevant when describing armed robbery suspects.

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[\[-\] HarryTheBunny](#) 2 points 9 days ago

If he didn't, we would have assumed the muggers were black anyway

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